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MARY A. BOMAR NAMED SUPERINTENDENT AT OKLAHOMA CITY NATIONAL MEMORIAL

DENVER--Mary A. Bomar, assistant superintendent at San Antonio Missions National Historical Park has been named superintendent of the Oklahoma City National Memorial, according to Karen Wade, Director of the Intermountain Region of the National Park Service (NPS). Bomar will assume her new post on March 26.

The Memorial commemorates the bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City on April 19, 1995, and the resulting deaths of 168 men, women and children. The Oklahoma City National Memorial Trust manages the Memorial in cooperation with the NPS.

"We are pleased with the appointment of Mary. We know she brings a great wealth of knowledge to this position as we continue to develop this partnership with the National Park Service," said Robert Johnson, Chairman of the Oklahoma City National Memorial. "We believe this partnership will be a model for other national parks across the country. This is an unprecedented joint partnership where a community is building a National Memorial so the world will remember."

The Memorial will open to the public April 19. The Memorial Institute will hold a symposium April 17-19, focusing on ways to prevent terrorism. The 30,000-square foot Memorial Center museum will open November 2000.

Bomar follows in the footsteps of Patrick McCrary who was named the first superintendent of the National Memorial in 1998 and currently superintendent at Lowell National Historical Park in Massachusetts.

"I am extremely honored to be selected the superintendent of this very special place," Bomar said. "I look forward to working with such an important and unique partnership between the NPS, the Oklahoma City Memorial Trust, the Memorial Foundation, and the Memorial Institute for the Prevention of Terrorism."

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As Assistant Superintendent at San Antonio Missions National Historical Park, Bomar has been responsible for direct supervision of the park's daily operations including the overall administration of a \$3 million plus budget and a staff of over 50 permanent employees. Bomar has worked closely with the local community developing strong community relations, partnerships and outreach programs.

A 20-year veteran of the federal government, Bomar joined the NPS almost ten years ago after spending the first ten years of her federal career with the Department of Defense, United States Air Force.

Her first stint with the NPS was in 1990 as administrative officer at Amistad National Recreation Area. In January 1994, she transferred to San Antonio Missions National Historical Park where she served as management assistant, administrative officer, and currently, as assistant superintendent. Bomar recently completed a two-month detail as acting superintendent at Rocky Mountain National Park in Colorado.

Bomar has spearheaded many committees and task forces in the administrative and financial arena. She is currently a member of the NPS Diversity Advisory Committee and the Government Performance Results Act Task Force. She has received numerous superior performance and special achievement awards. She is a member and supporter of Los Compadres de San Antonio Missions National Historical Park Friends' Group; San Antonio Irish Cultural Society; San Antonio Conservation Society and a member of The Alamo Federal Executive Board.

During her 10-year tenure with the U.S. Air Force, she developed management leadership skills and administrative background that led to her position as an Inspector General Staff Assistant/Evaluator for the U.S. Air Force in Europe Command Headquarters, located at Ramstein Air Base in Germany. She traveled from her home base in Oxford, England, to many Air Force Bases throughout Europe including Hellenikon, Athens, Greece; Torrejon and Zaragoza, Spain; Hahn, Germany; as well as other bases located throughout England. She is the recipient of the 1987 Department of Defense Civil Service Meritorious U.S. Air Force Worldwide Recreation Manager of the Year Award.

Bomar, a British native with an education in business administration, is married to Milton Bomar. They have three married children, Donna, David and John.

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